

State of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Engineering Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Approve and Delegate Authority to the Chairperson to Enter Into Contracts or
Agreements and Sign the Necessary Related Documents Needed to Perform Activities
Required Under the Community Assistance Program-State Support Services Element
(CAP-SSSE) Grant**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Engineering Division (DLNR) is the state coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in Hawaii. The role of DLNR as the State Coordinating Agency for the NFIP, is to assist the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at the local level by providing technical assistance to each of the four counties, monitoring and evaluating their regulations and administration of the NFIP to ensure that they continue to be in good standing with the Program, and to conduct public outreach and educational activities throughout the State to promote awareness of the NFIP. Good standing by a county in the NFIP ensures the availability of flood insurance for the participating county, as well as allowing the state to be eligible for disaster relief funding.

FEMA provides funding to DLNR through an annual CAP-SSSE grant to undertake this responsibility. A number of core elements are required to be conducted as part of the FEMA grant agreement. They include, but are not limited to:

- Technical Assistance Activities
 - Site Visits to each community.
 - Conduct Training Workshops to assist community stakeholders.
- Regulatory Activities (Monitor and Evaluate)
 - Conduct Community Assistance Visits (CAV) audits and site visits.
 - Attend annual Regional CAP meetings at FEMA Region IX office in Oakland, California.
 - Attend annual ASFPM, FMA, and/or National Flood Insurance Conferences.
 - Host and Maintain the Hawaii Flood Hazard Assessment Tool.
 - Develop Mobile Inspection device and applications for CAV audits.
- Public Outreach and Educational Activities
 - Participation in the Building Industry of Association annual Home & Remodeling Shows and/or Remodel It Right Expo.
 - Host an annual Hawaii Floodplain Manager's Conference for Federal, State, local, and private sector stakeholders.
 - Publish Quarterly Newsletter (Wai Halana)

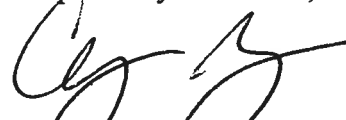
In addition to the above listed activities, DLNR is also required to provide assistance and support in response to any Federally declared disaster event should actions be warranted.

The State's failure to perform any of these tasks would result in a reduction of funding and support from FEMA. Failure to perform specific tasks such as Community Assistance Visits, attendance at Regional CAP meetings, and providing technical assistance would jeopardize future participation in the CAP-SSSE program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Land and Natural Resources approve and delegate authority to the Chairperson to enter into contracts or agreements and sign the necessary related documents needed to perform activities required under the CAP-SSSE Grant.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chairperson